

IN THE DRAWINGS

Proposed changes to Figs. 1, 8, and 9 are submitted
herewith, with a Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendments.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 16 and 20-27 are allowable.

The title of the invention has been amended to better describe the claimed invention, as requested in the Office Action.

Figs. 1, 8, and 9 have been amended to overcome the objections thereto. More specifically, Fig. 1 has been amended to identify the illustrated vibration isolation damper 19 and Figs. 8 and 9 have been amended to include legends identifying them as "related art." Regarding the objection to Fig. 7, the Applicants submit that drive eject switch 32 is described in paragraph [0068] of the specification.

The specification has been amended to correct the typographical errors identified in the Office Action. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendments.

Claims 1-11, 34, 48, and 51 have been amended, and claims 57-60 have been newly added. Support for these amendments is provided at least in paragraphs [0002], [0038], [0057], [0059], and [0068] through [0070] of the specification.

Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 14, 15, and 28-50 were rejected, under 35 USC §102(b), as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (US 6,111,837). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Goda (US 5,555,623). Claims 12, 13, and 17-19 were rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Saitou et al. (US 6,738,334). Claims 51-56 were rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Sato et al. (US 6,731,580). To the extent these rejections may be deemed applicable to the amended claims, the Applicants respectfully traverse based on the points set forth below.

Claim 1 now defines an optical disk device, for being disposed in an electronic device, having a frame, fixing parts for directly fixing the frame to the electronic device, and an optical pick-up module and a circuit board fixed to the frame.

The Office Action proposes that Watanabe discloses, in Fig. 31A, an optical disk device having a frame (i.e., base) 222 and fixing parts 222d-222f that fix the frame to other members (see Office Action page 3, second to last paragraph). However, Watanabe discloses that base 222 has three mounting portions 222d-222f that mount base 222 on a sub-chassis 203 (see Watanabe col. 24, lines 28-32). As may be determined by inspection of Watanabe's Fig. 20, both base 222 and sub-chassis 203 are

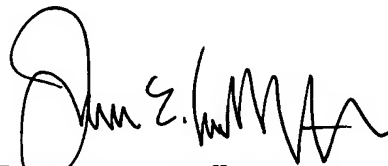
integral components of Watanabe's optical disk device.

By contrast to the claimed feature of fixing parts for directly fixing the frame of the optical disk device to an electronic device, Watanabe discloses fixing a containing portion 112 of the optical disk device to a personal computer body (see Watanabe col. 13, lines 63-64).

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that Watanabe does not anticipate the subject matter now defined by claim 1. Therefore, the rejections applied to claims 3, 4, 12, 13, 17-19, and 51-56 are deemed to be overcome, and allowance of claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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